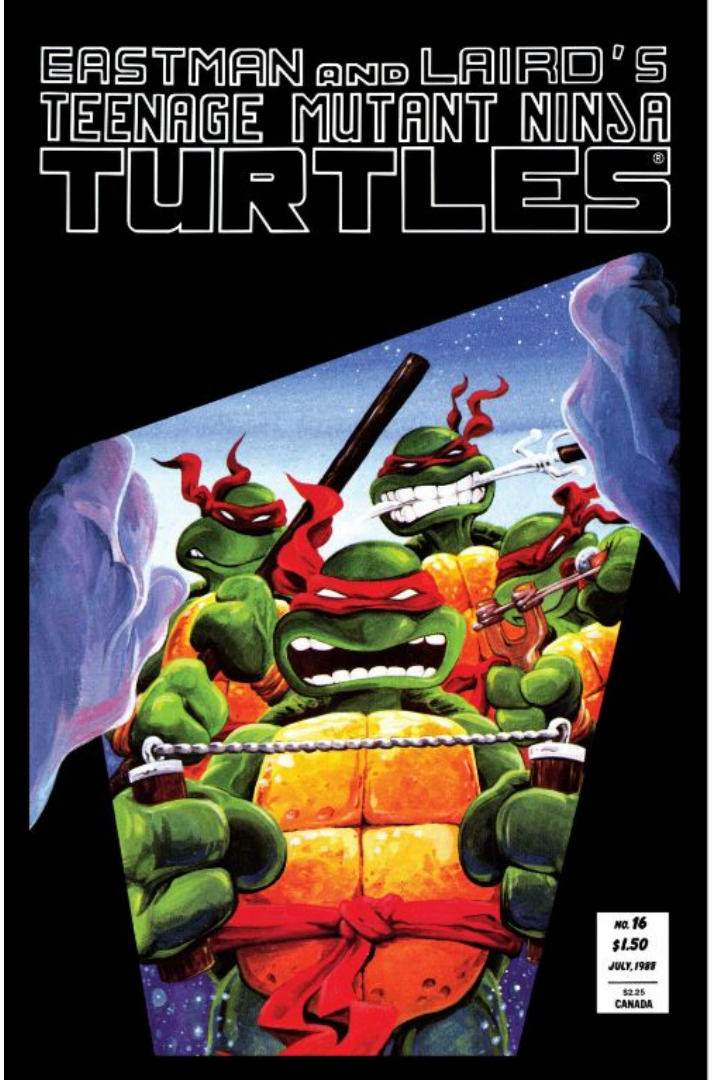
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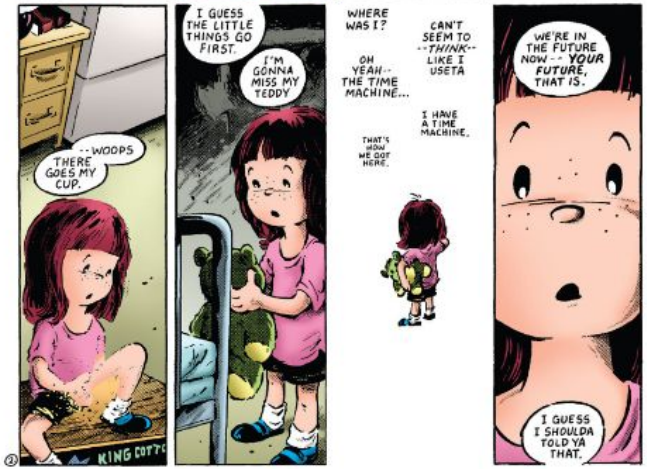
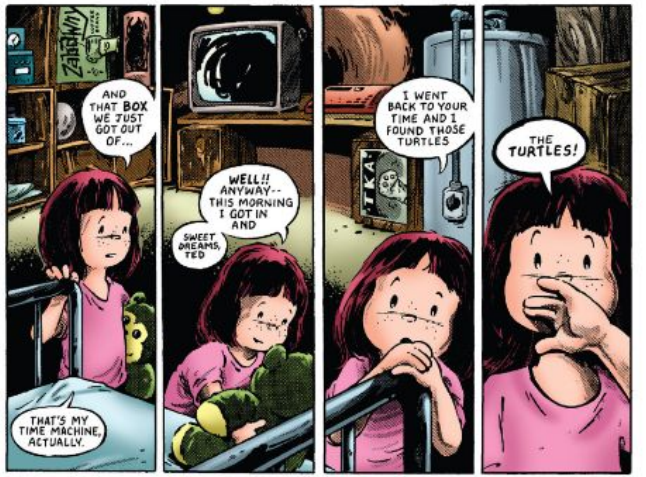
UH--
I'M NOT SURE WHERE TO BEGIN.
IT'S KINDA MIXED UP.
IT STARTED THIS MORNING. SEE, I'M--
NO...
NO. THAT'S NOT RIGHT, REALLY. IT STARTED SEVEN YEARS AGO--
SEVEN YEARS
MY WHOLE LIFE
SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE FADING AWA--


--WOOPS THERE GOES MY CUP.
I GUESS THE LITTLE THINGS GO FIRST.
I'M GONNA MISS MY TEDDY
WHERE WAS I?
OH YEAH-- THE TIME MACHINE...
CAN'T SEEM TO --THINK-- LIKE I USETA
I HAVE A TIME MACHINE.
THAT'S HOW WE GOT HERE.
WE'RE IN THE FUTURE NOW -- YOUR FUTURE, THAT IS.
I GUESS I SHOULDA TOLD YA THAT.


AND THAT BOX WE JUST GOT OUT OF...
THAT'S MY TIME MACHINE, ACTUALLY.
WELL!! ANYWAY-- THIS MORNING I GOT IN AND
SWEET DREAMS, TED
I WENT BACK TO YOUR TIME AND I FOUND THOSE TURTLES
THE TURTLES!

I DIDN'T EVEN THANK THEM!
NANCY'S
WELL, I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO BACK.
YOU BETTER COME WITH ME BACK WHEN YOU BELONG
BETTER SNAP IT UP!! JUDGING BY THE MASS OF THAT CUP AND THE TIME IT TOOK FOR IT TO RELOCATE, I'D SAY THE TIME MACHINE'S GOT ABOUT TWO HOURS.

DON'T SLAM THE "DOOR"
HA HA HA HA
UH-- THAT'S A JOKE
HOWIE
MELONS
HOLD ONTO YOUR LUNCH
MYSTERY
DATE
I HATE THIS PART! THIS PART!

MY PURSE! HE HAS MY PURSE!
ARRLL!
A
TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA
TURTLES
STORY
BY MARK MARTIN

SEE?
HE'S GOING IN THAT OLD WAREHOUSE

AAAH... SWEET BOOTY!
THAT STUPID BAT!! CAN'T EVEN GRAB A DECENT PURSE ANYMORE! THIS NEIGHBORHOOD--
AW HELL
GIVE ME THAT PURSE

PUNK!

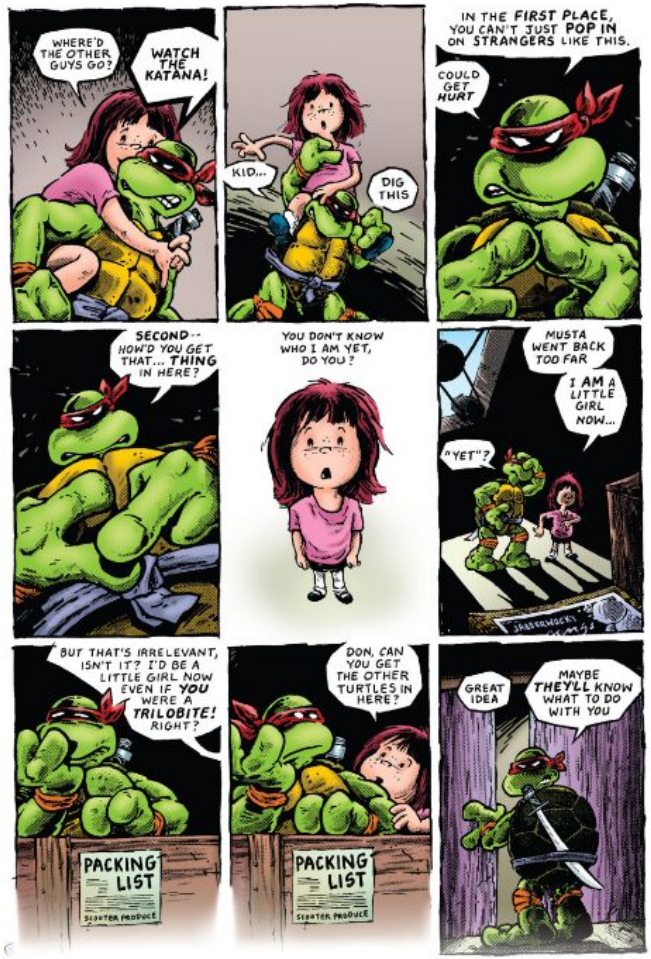
GOD I NEED A FIX!
HERE TAKE IT FREAK!!
HEY!

WHO YOU CALLING "FREAK" FREAK?
WHATSA MATTER WITH YOU?? WHY DON'T YA JUST SEND OUR PHOTO TO NATIONAL ENQUIRER?
AH LAY OFF, MIKE. NOBODY'S GOING TO LISTEN TO THAT OL' DOPE-HEAD

SO HOW YOU GONNA GET THE PURSE BACK TO THE OLD LADY, "MR. INCOGNITO" ??
ALREADY BEING DONE, "MR. HIGH PROFILE."

A TURTLE, MAN! A BIG TALKIN' TURTLE
SURE, SPEEDO, SURE. AND I JUST BOUGHT A LID FROM A FROG!
CUTE PUPPY
NOW WHERE'D EVERYBODY GO?
NOW LEMME GET THIS STRAIGHT-- JUNKIE GRABS PURSE, TURTLES FOLLOW JUNKIE INTO OLD ABANDONED WAREHOUSE, TURTLES RECOVER PURSE, TURTLES RETURN PURSE TO OWNER VIA OWNER'S DOG... THEN...
A BIG WHITE CUBE APPEARS.
OKAY. I'LL BUY THAT.

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?
HUH?
WELL YOU ALL LOOK ALIKE-- THAT IS--
YOU'RE NOW RRRRR RAPHAEL! RIGHT?
ME? I'M DONATELLO
OKAY?
OKAY!


WHERE'D THE OTHER GUYS GO?
WATCH THE KATANA!
KID...
DIG THIS
IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOU CAN'T JUST POP IN ON STRANGERS LIKE THIS.
COULD GET HURT
SECOND-- HOW'D YOU GET THAT... THING IN HERE?
YOU DON'T KNOW WHO I AM YET, DO YOU?
MUSTA WENT BACK TOO FAR
I AM A LITTLE GIRL NOW...
"YET"?
BUT THAT'S IRRELEVANT, ISN'T IT? I'D BE A LITTLE GIRL NOW EVEN IF YOU WERE A TRILOBITE! RIGHT?
DON, CAN YOU GET THE OTHER TURTLES IN HERE?
GREAT IDEA
MAYBE THEY'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOU
PACKING LIST
SLOWTER PRODUCE
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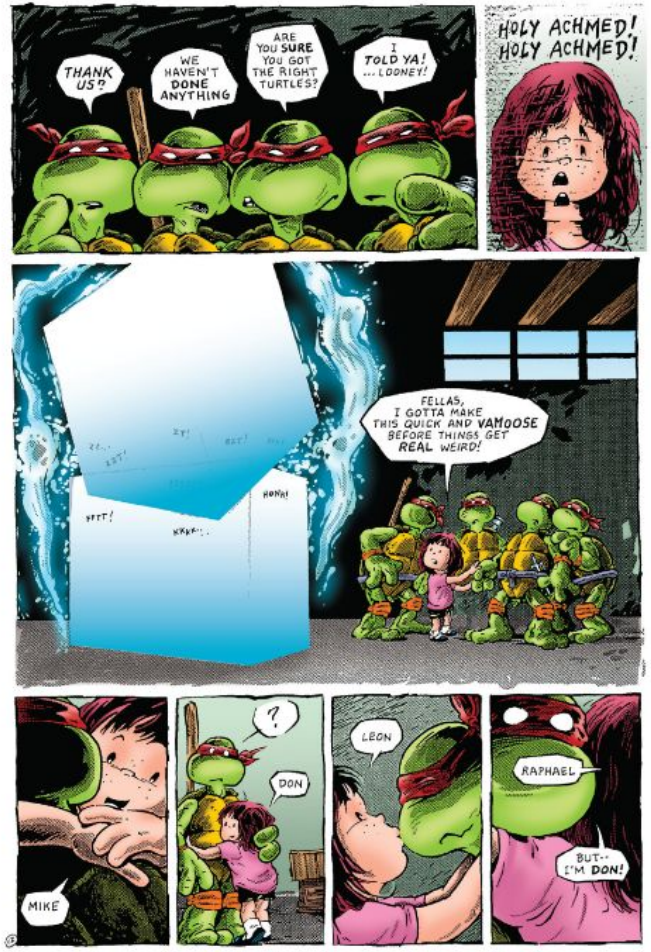
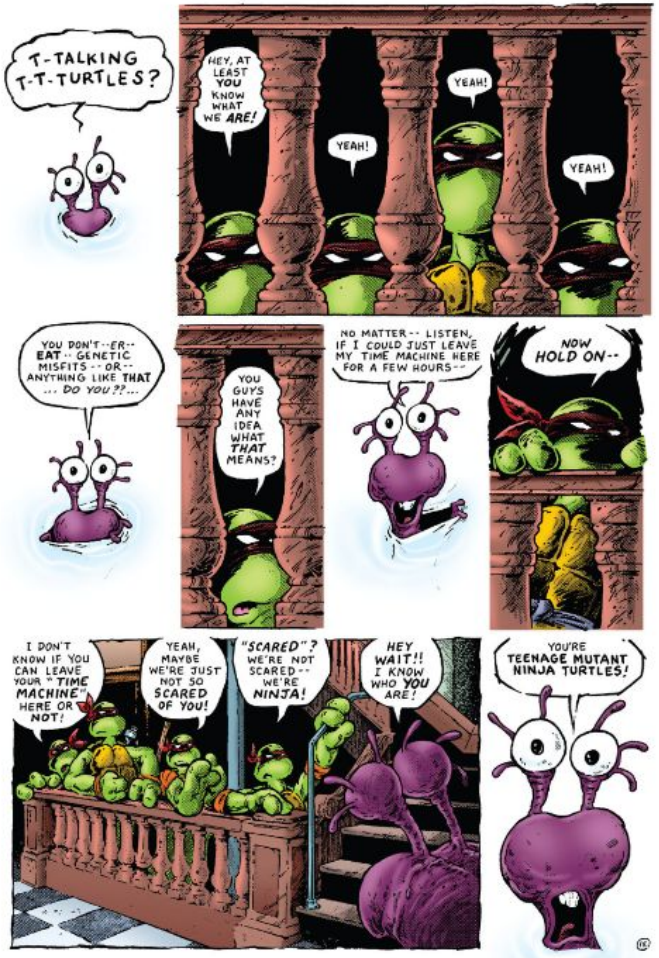
SLOWTER PRODUCE

OKAY
YOU BETTER COME OUT NOW
MAYBE YOU SHOULD LEAVE BEFORE THEY COME BACK
THEY'RE CONFUSED ENOUGH AS IT IS
I'M SORRY, I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE -- WHEN I GET THIS ALL STRAIGHTENED OUT, I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.
COME BACK IN ABOUT AN HOUR, OKAY?
YOU GOT ANY MONEY? THERE'S A COOL BOOK SHOP ON THE CORNER!
I TOLD YOU SHE'S LOONEY! NOW SHE'S YELLING OUT THE WINDOW!
HI GUYS!
CAREFUL BOYS--
THIS IS THE PART WHERE SHE STARTS HUGGING
AW, I'M NOT GONNA START HUGGING
I JUST CAME BACK TO THANK YOU!


THANK US?
WE HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING
ARE YOU SURE YOU GOT THE RIGHT TURTLES?
I TOLD YA! ...LOONEY!
HOLY ACHMED! HOLY ACHMED!
FELLAS, I GOTTA MAKE THIS QUICK AND VAMOOSE BEFORE THINGS GET REAL WEIRD!
HONK!
MIKE
?
DON
LEON
RAPHAEL
BUT... I'M DON!

THANK YOU! GOOD BYE!
I HATE THIS PART! I HATE THIS PART!
BLINK!
OUCH
WHOP!
IT SOUNDS LIKE THE KID!
I THOUGHT SHE LEFT IN THAT OTHER BOX!
WHAT IS THIS? A SHELL GAME?
HEY, LIGHTEN UP OUT THERE! I COME IN PEACE!

EEEEEEEK
YYAAAIIAAAIIEE


T-TALKING T-T-TURTLES?
HEY, AT LEAST YOU KNOW WHAT WE ARE!
YEAH!
YEAH!
YEAH!
YOU DON'T--ER-- EAT -- GENETIC MISFITS -- OR -- ANYTHING LIKE THAT ... DO YOU??...
YOU GUYS HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT MEANS?
NO MATTER-- LISTEN, IF I COULD JUST LEAVE MY TIME MACHINE HERE FOR A FEW HOURS--
NOW HOLD ON--
I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR "TIME MACHINE" HERE OR NOT!
YEAH, MAYBE WE'RE JUST NOT SO SCARED OF YOU!
"SCARED"? WE'RE NOT SCARED-- WE'RE NINJA!
HEY WAIT!! I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!
YOU'RE TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES!

WELL, NOW WE KNOW WHO WE ARE!
AMAZING!
I MEAN, I'VE SEEN SOME OF YOUR COMIC BOOKS, BUT I NEVER KNEW YOU REALLY--
CUT THE JIVE! WE ASKED YOU WHO YOU ARE!
WHAT COMIC BOOKS?

IF I TELL YOU MY STORY
COULD YOU HELP ME?
IT ALL STARTED SEVEN YEARS -- I MEAN IT'S GOING TO START TOMORROW, UNLESS I --UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING TODAY!
mighty
PUMPKIN FILLING

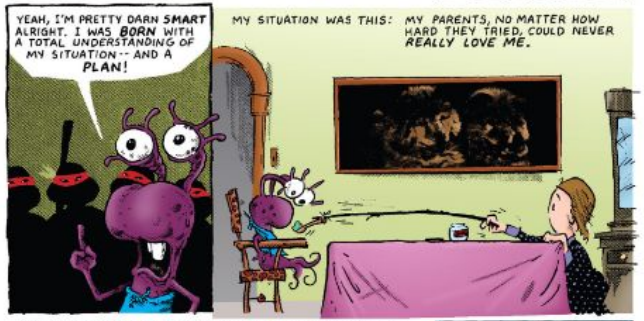
THERE'S THIS GUY WHO LIVES A COUPLA $LOCKS FROM HERE
THAT SETTLES IT-- I'M TAKING THAT OFFER FROM MMMCCC.
BUT BOBBY, WHAT ABOUT COWBOY COLA? YOU'RE SO CLOSE!
POWER
GAS BILL
PAST DUE
PAY US
BABY DR.

NEW!
COWBOY COLA
AW, HUNNEE, COWBOY COLA-- IT'S A PIPE DREAM! I'M ALMOST EMBARRASSED TO SAY IT! WHAT KIND OF A DUMB NAME IS COWBOY COLA ANYWAY? NOBODY'LL EVER BUY COWBOY COLA!!
BOBBY, IT TASTES GREAT! EVERYBODY--
"IT TASTES GREAT! EVERYBODY SAYS SO!"
I KNOW I KNOW
WE HAVE TO FACE REALITY NOW, MANDA. THE BABY WILL BE HERE IN TWO MONTHS... WE DON'T HAVE ANY INSURANCE... YOU'RE NOT WORKING... I'M NOT WORKING...
OH BOBBY, YOU WORK
YEAH, BUT THERE'S WORK AND THERE'S WORK... COWBOY COLA'S COSTING US MONEY AT THIS STAGE, AND WE GOT BILLS PILING UP RIGHT NOW!
THAT JOB'S A SURE THING & THE MONEY IS GREAT! I GOTTA GROW UP AND QUIT SCREWING AROUND...
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT-- MAYBE-- IN A FEW YEARS, MAYBE...
SEE, BOBBY'S GONNA TAKE THAT JOB! HE'LL START STUDYING THE MIND!

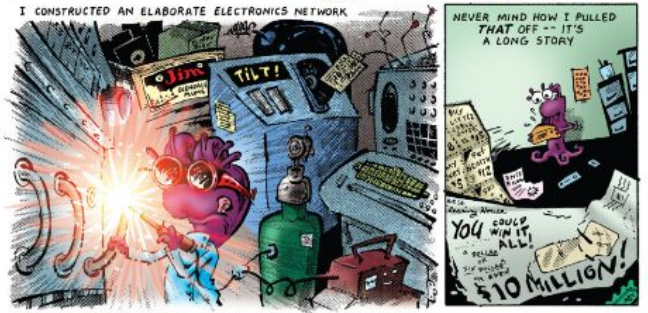
SO WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT, BOBBY?
I DON'T KNOW... IT'S JUST WEIRD
MAXIMEGAMULTICORP CAPITALIST CONGLOMERATES
RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENTS
IT'S LIKE THE MASTER RACE OR... SOMETHING... WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY'RE GOING TO DO WITH THIS INTELLIGENCE BOOSTERIZER IF WE CAN PERFECT IT?
THINK
MASTER RACE? HECK, BOB, BE REAL! MAYBE THIS COULD BE GOOD FOR THE WORLD! IT'S POSSIBLE!
MAYBE I AM BEING CYNICAL. I'M JUST NOT SURE WHERE OUR BOSS'S PRIORITIES LIE!
THINK AGAIN
I WORRY ABOUT OUR IMMEDIATE SAFETY SOMETIMES, TOO... SOME OF THESE TESTS AND STUFF--
RADIATION--
BACTERIA--
WATCH YOUR STEP
SEE HERE, BOB, THAT "RADIATION" TEST IS MY BABY, AND I REALLY THINK I'M ONTO--
--BESIDES, WHAT ABOUT YOUR PSYCHIC PHENOMENA STUDIES? MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO FREAKED OUT!
YEAH, MAYBE IT IS.
BUT THAT'S JUST MY POINT. MAYBE WE'RE TOO INVOLVED TO...
I JUST CAN'T SHAKE THIS FEELING. LIKE SOMETHING BAD'S GOING TO HAPPEN
SOMETHING BAD? WE'RE GETTING A RAISE NEXT WEEK. DID YOU KNOW THAT?
NO KIDDING? A RAISE-- MANDA AND I COULD SURE USE THAT!
KEEP OUT!

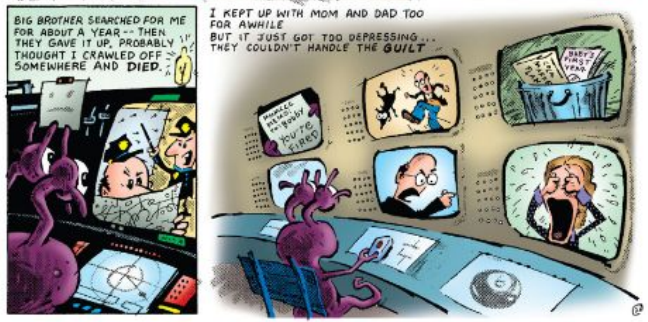
I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY WHEN I WAS "BORN"-- BUT IT WAS ABOUT A MONTH BEFORE MY BIRTH
BY THAT, I MEAN I BECAME AWARE WHILE I WAS STILL IN THE WOMB
I WAS NOT JUST A PHYSICAL EXTENSION OF MOM
I WAS CONSCIOUS! AND A FAST LEARNER!
SEEMS THAT DAD WAS BRINGING HIS WORK HOME WITH HIM. MAYBE IT WAS ON HIS CLOTHES
I COULD HEAR PRETTY GOOD.
AND SOMEHOW, EVERYTHING MOM UNDERSTOOD -- TV, RADIO, BOOKS -- I UNDERSTOOD IT ALL EVEN MORE!
SOCIAL ATTITUDES, POLITICS, CARSON'S MONOLOGUE, PLUMBING AND WIRING-- I UNDERSTOOD ALL OF THESE MUCH MORE THAN THE AVERAGE ADULT.
AND I KNEW SOMETHING THEY DIDN'T KNOW.
SOMETHING ABOUT SIDE EFFECTS.
AND ME.
AND I KNEW THAT WHEN THE "BLESSED EVENT" OCCURRED...
OH MY GOD!
DELIVERY
DELIVERY

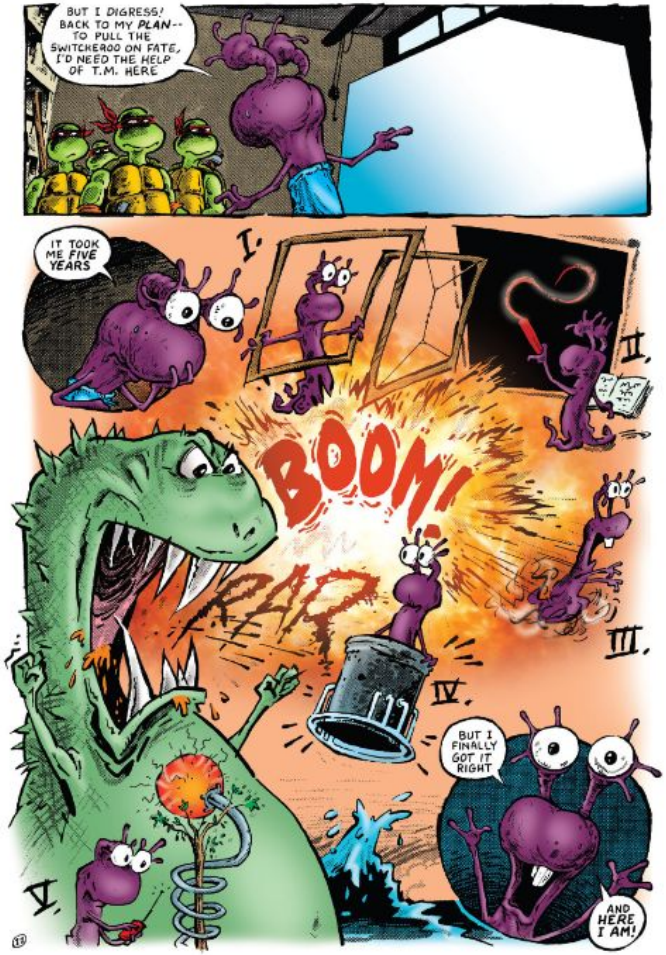
I'D HAVE TO MAKE TRACKS, BUT GOOD!
EEE
WELL, THERE I WAS IN ALL MY GLORY. THE GREATEST INTELLECT ON EARTH--
--AND ITS MOST HIDEOUS MISTAKE!


YEAH, I'M PRETTY DARN SMART ALRIGHT. I WAS BORN WITH A TOTAL UNDERSTANDING OF MY SITUATION-- AND A PLAN!
MY SITUATION WAS THIS: MY PARENTS, NO MATTER HOW HARD THEY TRIED, COULD NEVER REALLY LOVE ME.
AND THE WORLD -- GOVERNMENTS, SCIENTISTS, INDUSTRY-- WELL, YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT THAT WOULD BE LIKE!
I GOT ARMS
SPINAL COLUMN!
I GOT GUTS!
I GOT ITS HEAD!
I GOT A TENTACLE!
MY PLAN WAS THIS:
1 + 1 = 3
IF I WAS HIS VICTIM, I'D JUST HAVE TO TURN THE TABLES ON OLD MR. CIRCUMSTANCE!

I'D HAVE TO GO UNDERGROUND
I SET UP SHOP IN THIS ABANDONED WAREHOUSE
SCOOTER PRODUCE COMPANY
BAD SWEET TASTE


I CONSTRUCTED AN ELABORATE ELECTRONICS NETWORK
TILT!
NEVER MIND HOW I PULLED THAT OFF -- IT'S A LONG STORY
YOU COULD WIN IT ALL!
$10 MILLION!


BIG BROTHER SEARCHED FOR ME FOR ABOUT A YEAR -- THEN THEY GAVE IT UP, PROBABLY THOUGHT I CRAWLED OFF SOMEWHERE AND DIED.
I KEPT UP WITH MOM AND DAD TOO FOR AWHILE BUT IT JUST GOT TOO DEPRESSING... THEY COULDN'T HANDLE THE GUILT
YOU'RE FIRED!

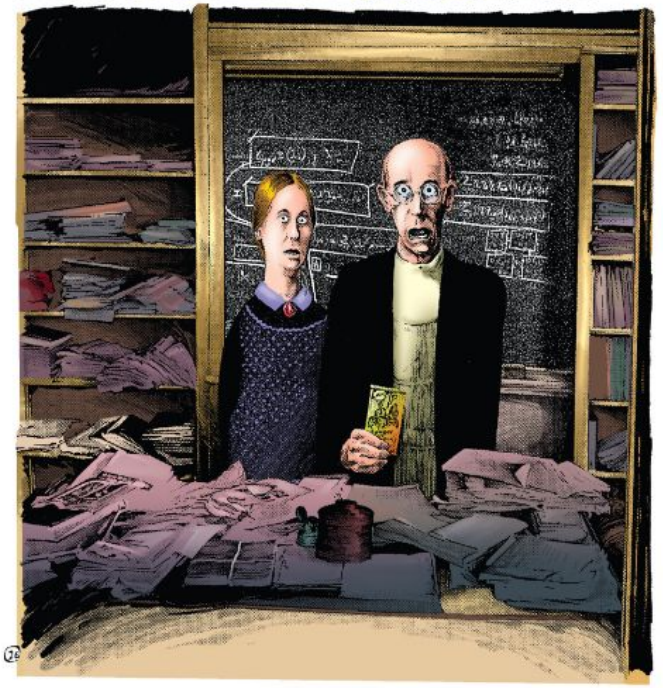

BUT I DIGRESS! BACK TO MY PLAN-- TO PULL THE SWITCHEROO ON FATE, I'D NEED THE HELP OF T.M. HERE
IT TOOK ME FIVE YEARS
I.
II.
BOOM!
RAR
III.
IV.
V.
BUT I FINALLY GOT IT RIGHT
AND HERE I AM!

? ? ? ?
DON'T YOU GET IT? ALL WE HAVE TO DO NOW IS GO TO DAD'S -- THAT IS, BOBBY'S APARTMENT, AND TALK HIM OUT OF TAKING THAT JOB!
ERGO, I'LL BE BORN "NORMAL" AND NONE OF THIS WILL EVER HAPPEN!
GUYS... WHATTYA THINK?
I'D LIKE TO HELP. I SAY WE DO IT!
I DON'T KNOW, RAPH. TIME TRAVEL-- WE SHOULD TREAD LIGHTLY!
YOU KNOW-- TAMPERING WITH THE PAST-- CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY --ALL THAT STUFF
I SURE WISH CARL SAGAN WAS HERE...
...OR ALAN MOORE...
HOW MUCH CHANGE COULD ONE LITTLE THING LIKE THIS CAUSE?
...OR GENE ANDERSON
BESIDES, WE WOULDN'T BE TAMPERING WITH THE PAST, WE'D BE TAMPERING WITH THE FUTURE! IT HAPPENS ALL--
SAY, FELLAS...

HEY!
COME BACK HERE!
FOLLOW THAT THING!

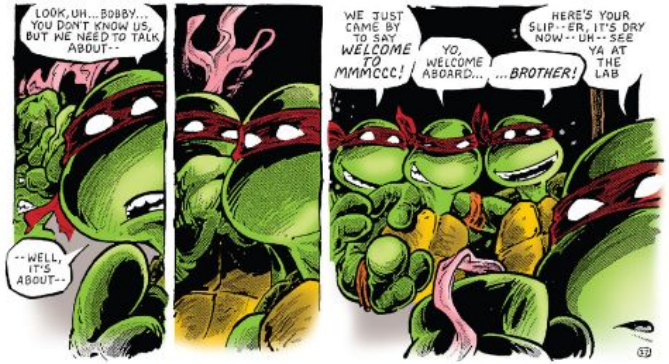
LOOK! IT'S THAT TURTLE AGAIN! FOUR TURTLES!
SPEEDO... YOU SEE MY FIST?

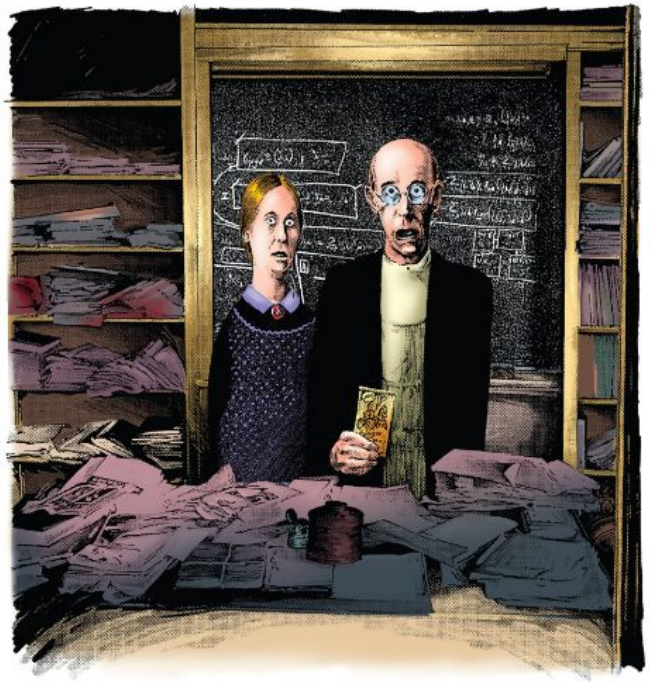
DOUBLE-TIME! IN HERE!!



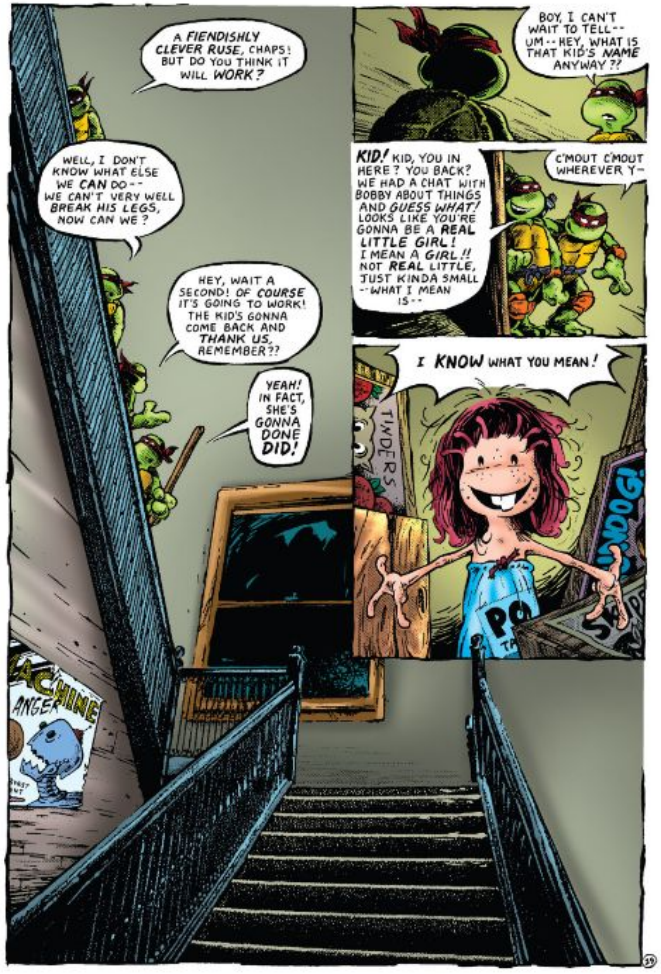
MOXIE
OH--
--
--HELLO

YOU MUST BE BOBBY, HUH?
SAY, DID YOU SEE A--A THING WITH THESE, LIKE, EYES RUN...THROUGH
CAN YOU TALK?


LOOK, UH...BOBBY... YOU DON'T KNOW US, BUT WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT--
--WELL, IT'S ABOUT--
WE JUST CAME BY TO SAY WELCOME TO MMMCCC!
YO, WELCOME ABOARD...
...BROTHER!
HERE'S YOUR SLIP--ER, IT'S DRY NOW--UH--SEE YA AT THE LAB



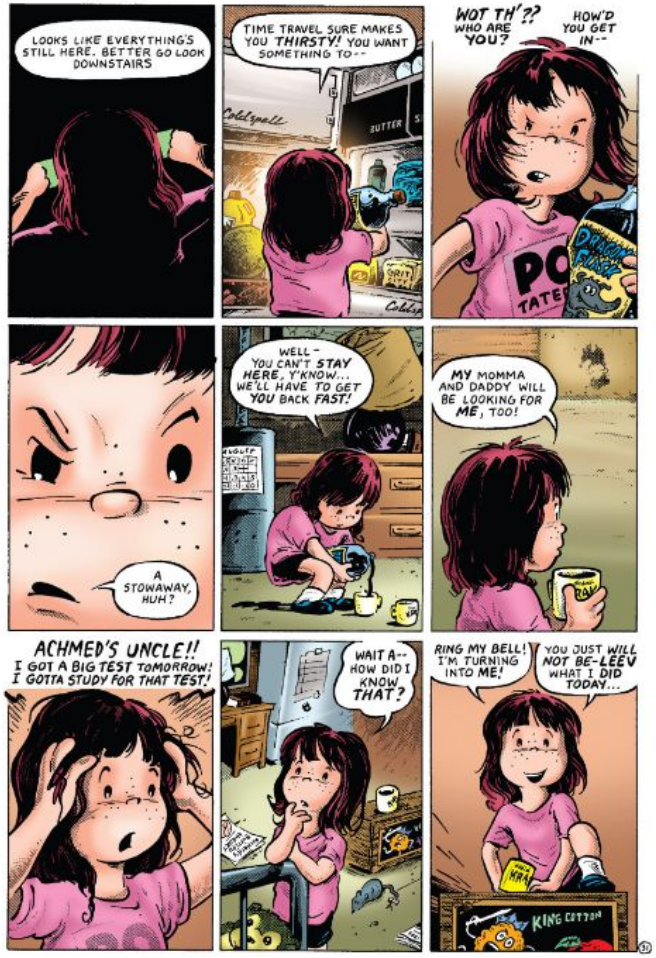
SHEEESH!
WEIRDIES
GO! GO! LET'S GET OUTA HERE BEFORE THEY COME TO!


A FIENDISHLY CLEVER RUSE, CHAPS! BUT DO YOU THINK IT WILL WORK?
WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE WE CAN DO-- WE CAN'T VERY WELL BREAK HIS LEGS, NOW CAN WE?
HEY, WAIT A SECOND! OF COURSE IT'S GOING TO WORK! THE KID'S GONNA COME BACK AND THANK US, REMEMBER??
YEAH! IN FACT, SHE'S GONNA DONE DID!
BOY, I CAN'T WAIT TO TELL-- UM-- HEY, WHAT IS THAT KID'S NAME ANYWAY??
KID! KID, YOU IN HERE? YOU BACK? WE HAD A CHAT WITH BOBBY ABOUT THINGS AND GUESS WHAT! LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GONNA BE A REAL LITTLE GIRL! I MEAN A GIRL!! NOT REAL LITTLE, JUST KINDA SMALL --WHAT I MEAN IS--
C'MOUT C'MOUT WHEREVER Y-
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!
TWDERS
DOG!
ANGER

ISN'T IT GREAT!!
LOOK, I RILLY GOTTA BE GOING! I GOT NO IDEA HOW THE TIME BUGGY WILL REACT TO ALL THIS!
WAIT--
BU--
BUT--

I HATE THIS PART!!!

BYE...
...LITTLE GIRL...


LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING'S STILL HERE. BETTER GO LOOK DOWNSTAIRS
TIME TRAVEL SURE MAKES YOU THIRSTY! YOU WANT SOMETHING TO--
WOT TH'?? WHO ARE YOU?
HOW'D YOU GET IN--
A STOWAWAY, HUH?
WELL - YOU CAN'T STAY HERE, Y'KNOW... WE'LL HAVE TO GET YOU BACK FAST!
MY MOMMA AND DADDY WILL BE LOOKING FOR ME, TOO!
ACHMED'S UNCLE!! I GOT A BIG TEST TOMORROW! I GOTTA STUDY FOR THAT TEST!
WAIT A-- HOW DID I KNOW THAT?
RING MY BELL! I'M TURNING INTO ME!
YOU JUST WILL NOT BE-LEEV WHAT I DID TODAY...

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